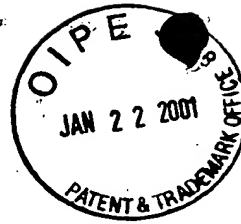


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendment is respectfully
requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

a 19. The storage tank of claim 1, wherein the main body comprises a wastewater storage
tank.

20. The method of claim 14, wherein the storage tank is a wastewater storage tank.--

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